

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A method of conferring a benefit to a textile fabric by contacting said fabric during laundering thereof with a modified naturally occurring polysaccharide gum having  $\beta$  <sub>1-4</sub> linkages, the modified polysaccharide having a weight average molecular weight of 250,000 or less; and wherein the modified polysaccharide is derived from a naturally occurring polysaccharide selected from galactomannan, glucomannan, xyloglucan, xanthan gum and mixtures thereof.
2. (cancel)
3. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the modified polysaccharide is neutral or anionic.
4. (previously presented) A detergent composition comprising surfactant and modified polysaccharide as defined in claim 1.
5. (original) A composition according to claim 4, wherein the amount of surfactant is from 5% to 50% by weight of the composition and the

amount of modified polysaccharide is from 0.01% to 25% by weight of the composition.

6. (currently amended) A method of conferring a benefit to a textile fabric by contacting said fabric during laundering thereof with a polysaccharide gum having  $\beta$  1-4 linkages, to confer a benefit to a textile fabric during laundering thereof ; wherein the polysaccharide is an unmodified version of a polysaccharide selected from glaucatomannan, glucomannan, xyloglucan, xantham gum and mixtures thereof.
7. (cancel)
- 8-9. (cancel)
10. (currently amended) A method of conferring a benefit to a textile fabric by contacting said fabric during laundering thereof with a modified naturally occurring polysaccharide gum having  $\beta$  1-4 linkages, the modified polysaccharide having a weight average molecular weight of 75,000 or less; wherein the modified polysaccharide is derived from a naturally occurring polysaccharide selected from locust bean gum, guar gum, Konjac glucomannan, tamarind xyloglucan, and mixtures thereof.
11. (cancel)